AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT: Annette S. Perkins -Chair

James D. Politis -Vice Chair Mary W. Biggs -Supervisors

William H. Brown Gary D. Creed Doug Marrs John A. Muffo F. Craig Meadows

F. Craig Meadows -County Administrator

L. Carol Edmonds -Assistant County Administrator

Martin M. McMahon -County Attorney
Steve Sandy -Planning Director

Ruth L. Richey -Public Information Officer
Vickie L. Swinney -Secretary, Board of Supervisors

B. Wendell Jones -Chair, Montgomery County School Board

Phyllis T. Albritton - School Board Members

Jamie M. Bond

David G. Dunkenberger, II

Penny J. Franklin

Joseph T. Ivers, Jr.

Walter L. Shannon

-Interim School Superintendent

Daniel A. Berenato

-Director of Facilities and Planning

Anita P. Johnston -Clerk, School Board

## **WELCOME**

Chair Annette Perkins, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a joint meeting with the Montgomery County School Board.

### INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

- 1. Budget outlook for FY10 and FY11
- 2. Discussion of facilities
  - a) Update on EastMont Elementary construction
  - b) Proposed actions regarding Elliston-Lafayette and Shawsville Elementary Schools
  - c) Update on Prices Fork Elementary timetable
  - d) Update on planning for Auburn schools
  - e) General discussion of Old Blacksburg Middle School

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE Sary D. Creed NAY None

William H. Brown
James D. Politis
Mary W. Biggs
Doug Marrs
John A. Muffo
Annette S. Perkins

## FY 2010 Budget Update and FY 2011 Preliminary Estimates

The Assistant County Administrator Carol Edmonds provided an update on the current FY 10 Budget and estimated revenue shortfall. A presentation was also given on the preliminary estimates for FY 11. It was noted that the projections indicate the shortfalls in FY 10 will continue into FY 11.

#### Discussion of Facilities

- 1. <u>Eastern Montgomery Elementary School Construction:</u> Walter Shannon, Interim School Superintendent, reported that the Eastern Montgomery Elementary School is scheduled to open in the Fall 2010.
- 2. Proposed Actions Regarding Elliston-Lafayette and Shawsville Elementary Schools: Dan Berenato, Director of Facilities and Planning for MCPS, reported that the new Eastern Montgomery Elementary School will replace two schools, Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School and Shawsville Elementary School. During the preliminary planning of a new elementary school in the eastern section of the County, it was decided that these two schools be consolidated into one. Mr. Berentato stated that the two school buildings will no longer be needed by the school system once the new facility is built. He also stated there is no need for the old Shawsville Middle School annex and suggested it should be demolished. A food bank is currently housed in the annex.

## 3. <u>Update on Price's Fork Elementary School Timetable</u>

Walt Shannon reported that bids for the school construction project are due on December 15, 2010. They estimate the construction period to be 19 months with an opening date in the Fall 2011. The layout of the new school is the same layout as the new Eastern Montgomery Elementary School.

Dan Berenato stated the current school will be available for surplus after the new school is built.

School Board Chair Wendell Jones commented that there has been no School Board discussion on what to do with the existing Prices Fork Elementary School facility. He pointed out there is a community group in the Prices Fork area discussing ideas on how to keep the facility as a community center.

## 4. <u>Update on Planning for Auburn Schools</u>

Mr. Berenato reported there have been several meetings in the Riner community to receive citizen input on school needs. He commented that there is a need for a larger high and middle school to address future enrollment in the area. It was suggested to either build a new middle school and renovate the high school or build a new high school and renovate the middle school. The majority of citizen input suggests a new high school. There is also discussion of the need to expand the elementary school at some point to serve 720 students instead of 600.

Mr. Berenato commented they are also considering the needs of the Riner Fire Department (RFD) when designing the layout of the new school. The RFD has expressed the need to expand in the future and the school site is limited on what can be done.

Mr. Shannon commented that there is no extra land on site and there may be a need to acquire additional land if the fire department does expand.

Mr. Shannon also stated that a date has not been set for the project to move forward.

# 5. General Discussion of Old Blacksburg Middle School Facility

The school facility was built in the early 1950's on a 20 acre site. The school became vacant when the new Blacksburg Middle School was constructed on Price's Fork Road.

School Board Chair Wendell Jones stated the School Board plans to take action at their December 1, 2009 meeting to declare this property surplus. The school property will be turned over to the Board of Supervisors. It was stated that if the school property is sold, all monies are to be appropriated for future school capital needs.

Supervisor Biggs asked if the schools or any other organizations are using the building now. Supervisor Creed also asked about the cost of demolishing the building. Mr. Shannon replied the school system is using a portion of the building for storage and requested they be allowed to continue to do so until a decision is made on what to do with the facility. Also, the literacy volunteers use the classrooms in the vocational section of the facility for classes and the recreation fields are still being used. Mr. Shannon also reported that the cost to demolish the building was included in an old facilities study report but he did not recall the amount.

# **OUT OF WORK SESSION**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return back to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE
William H. Brown
James D. Politis

NAY
None

James D. Politis Mary W. Biggs Doug Marrs John A. Muffo Gary D. Creed Annette S. Perkins

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by John A. Muffo and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE James D. Politis NAY None

Mary W. Biggs Doug Marrs John A. Muffo Gary D. Creed William H. Brown Annette S. Perkins

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _		_ATTEST:		
	Annette S. Perkins		F. Craig Meadows	
	Chair, Board of Supervisors		County Administrator	